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Docket No: 2640/1G826-US1

Ethicon Ref: END-751

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Box PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Enclosed please find an application for United States patent as identified below:

Inventor/s (name ALL inventors): **Allan L. FRIEDMAN; William T. DONOFRIO**

Title: METHOD FOR DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN BURDENED AND CRACKED  
ULTRASONICALLY TUNED BLADES

including the items indicated:

1. Specification and 45 claims: 5 indep.; 40 dep.;    multiple dep.;  
including 22 page(s) of written description; 7 page(s) of claims;  
1 page(s) of abstract.
2. ☒ Drawings, 14 sheets (Figs. 1-11)
3. ☒ Executed Declaration/Power of Attorney  
☐ Unexecuted Declaration/Power of Attorney

4. ☐ Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. §1.76.
5. ☒ Assignment for recording to: Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc.

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☐ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.215(b), please print the following assignment information on the face of the published application:

Assignee:

6. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
7. ☐ Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of:

Number: 60/241,888  
Date: October 20, 2000

8. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i) for Nonpublication.
9. ☒ Payment in amount of \$1,360.00, (\$710.00 filing; \$40.00 recording, \$610.00 extra claims)  
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10. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

Date: August 14, 2001

Respectfully submitted,



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PATENT FEE COMPUTATION SHEET

	No. of Claims Presented	Extra Claims Previously Paid For	Number of Extra Claims	Rate
Basic Fee . . . . .				\$710.00
Total Claims	45 - 20	- 0 = 25	x \$18.00	\$450.00
Independent Claims	5 - 3	- 0 = 3	x \$80.00	\$160.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claims		- if so, add	\$270.00	\$0.00
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Fee for recordation of assignment (\$40.00) . . . . .				\$40.00
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